THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d). A High Level Experts Committee has been set up for the North-Eastern Region in pursuance of Prime Minister's announcement on New Initiatives for the North-Eastern Region. The Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Small Scale Industries, Agro & Rural Industry will examine all aspects of the problem pertaining to the educated unemployed in the North-Eastern Region and suggest specific steps to promote employment among the educated unemployed.

In addition, a High Level Commission under the Chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission, has already been set up to examine the backlog in respect of Basic Minimum Services and the gaps in infrastructure sectors for development of States in the North-Eastern Region.

Master Plan

2872. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "GNA allots land sans master plan approval" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated July 26, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Small Power Projects

2873. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up small power projects in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have provided financial assistance to the Delhi Government for the development of small power projects during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof year-wise; and

(e) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

[English]

Heavy Water

2874. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of heavy water plants of the country falls short of the target;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of actual production and installed capacity of each plant; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Heavy Water being a strategic material, it is not in the national interest to disclose the figures of actual production. The plantwise installed capacities are as follows :-

Heavy Water Plant	Installed Annual Capacity (MT)
Nangal	8
Baroda	45
Tuticorin	49
Thal	78
Hazira	80
Talcher	62.5*
Kota	80
Manuguru	185

* Not in operation at present.

Continuous efforts are made to maintain the levels of production in the operational plants which are considered satisfactory.

[Translation]

Remunerative Prices to Farmers

2875. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the farmers can get remunerative prices